

Awards and Recognitions

The Dick Barbour

Meritorious Service Award

1985.....	Hank Patton
1986.....	George Newlon
.....	Roxanne Anderson
1987.....	Dan Dotta
.....	Del Dotta
1988.....	Harry Young
.....	Henry "Hank" Weston
1989.....	Ed Parker
.....	Harmon Brown
1990.....	Horace Crow
1991.....	(No award)
1992.....	Dick Connors
1993.....	George Kneless
1994.....	Tom Moore
1995.....	Charlie Sheppard
1996.....	Norm Morrison
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	John Luppess
1999.....	Richard Zulaica
2000.....	Jim Hume
.....	Jim Wynn
2001.....	Bob Shor
.....	Rick Milam
2002.....	Bob Rauch
2003.....	Lori Maynard
.....	Sonny Maynard
2004.....	Gail Wetzork
2005.....	Phil Watkins
2006.....	Bill Edgar
2007.....	Ed Hicks
2008.....	Dick Iwamiya
2009.....	Bruce Colman

The George Newlon

Special Recognition Award — Track

1995.....	Bob Mason
1996.....	Ben Morjig
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	Jerry Colman
1999.....	Bobby Hughey
2000.....	Dan Davidson
2001.....	John Coie
2002.....	Gerry Collet
2003.....	Dick Iwamiya
2004.....	Rick Urband
2005.....	Joe Harper
2006.....	Richard Cabral
2007.....	Colin Campbell
2008.....	Jeannie White
2009.....	Rory Osborne

The Horace Crow

Special Recognition Award — Field

1995.....	Sonny Maynard
1996.....	Rich Zulaica
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	Bill Edgar
1999.....	Joan M. Wilson
2000.....	Phil Watkins
2001.....	Dr. Leon Glover, Jr.
2002.....	Bruce Colman
2003.....	Dick Petruzzi
2004.....	Teddy Hayes
2005.....	Shirley Connors
.....	Margaret Sheehan
2006.....	John Murray
2007.....	Bill Hawkes
2008.....	John Shirey
2009.....	Jim Waldron

The Lori Maynard

Special Recognition Award

2009.....	Art and Becky Klein
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Turns & Distances

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The Pacific Association Officials Committee held its annual meeting in the Bruce Edwards Club Room at U. C. Davis's new football stadium (Aggie Stadium) on Sunday, August 30th. **Jon and Deanne Vochatzer** and the U. C. Davis track team were our hosts. Assistant Coach **Tim Fua** greeted us and made sure we were well treated. There were four goals for this gathering: socialize with officials we seldom get to socialize with; see what goodies we might win in the raffle; enjoy the wonderful lunch; and, oh yes, have the meeting required by our bylaws. The main part of the meeting involved the distribution of the awards earned by our members, our change in leadership and the distribution of information. Complete minutes from the meeting will soon be found on the Pacific Association Web site (pausatf.org... under the **Show Me...** column click on **Officials** and then under **Officials Info** click on **Minutes**) and some of the reports from the meeting will be dealt with in other sections of *Turns & Distances*.

The Pacific Association Officials Committee distributes three major awards each year: the *Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award*, the *Horace Crow Special Recognition Award* for a field event official and the *George Newlon Special Recognition Award* for a track official. Added this year is the *Lori Maynard Special Recognition Award* which will not necessarily be given every year but will be given to someone whose numerous contributions do not easily fit into the other categories.

Dr. Leon Glover, the chair of the awards sub-committee did the presentations. **Bruce Colman**, a master level official who specializes in the vertical jumps and our outgoing chair received the *Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award*. **Jim Waldron**, a master level official who specializes in all things field eventish, but especially in the horizontal jumps, received the *Horace Crow Special Recognition Award – Field*. Jim has been selected several times to work at the national indoor combined event championships and is expanding his horizons with work as a referee. **Rory Osborne**, a master level official who is quite capable of working field events, received the *George Newlon Special Recognition Award – Track*. Of late Rory has been specializing as a marshal and has spent a good deal of time on TV at the national meet as his work corralling athletes at the finish has led him to wander into view of the TV camera.

From...John H. Barbour, Gloucester, Massachusetts The letter reprinted below was received by past chairman Bruce Colman following his being named recipient of the 2009 Dick Barbour award for outstanding service.

Dear Bruce, Leon Glover was good enough to pass along to me the news of your selection as this year's winner of the Dick Barbour Award for the Pacific Association track and field



Bruce Colman, a vertical jumps specialist and our outgoing Chair of Officials Receives the *Dick Barbour Award for Meritorious Service Award* from Awards Sub-committee Chair **Dr. Leon Glover**.

officials. As Dick's son, it's a wonderful privilege for me to offer you my most sincere congratulations. The award signifies that your dedication and contributions to the sport have been extraordinary, and that you are carrying on a long and great tradition among track officials from the Pacific Association.

Dad died way back in 1984, a few months after officiating at the Los Angeles Olympic Games, so you probably didn't know him, though Leon and a few of your colleagues did. (I note in the July issue of *Turns and Distances*, for example, that **John Lupp** refers to him in Q&A.) His love for track and field was pure, unconditional, and lifelong; this he demonstrated through both dedication to his craft of long and triple jump officiating (at both ends of the pit), and a willingness always to answer the call for meets at Stanford, San Jose, CSM et al, from major meets to all-comers.



Jim Waldron was presented the **Horace Crow Special Recognition Award - Field** by Dr. Glover.

Much of my own early exposure to the sport consisted of raking the pit for Dad and the LJ/TJ crew at peninsula all-comers meets. I was with him the Saturday morning in 1964 (or so) at Sequoia High School in Redwood City when he worked his first meet; Dick asked "**Split**" Lynch where help was needed, "Split" pointed to the long jump pit, and that was that – the first of many, many days spent assisting athletes from high schoolers to Olympians. (I recall meets at San Jose CC in the early '70s at which an obscure, budding decathlete named **Bruce Jenner** experimented with a "flip" style long jump technique, later outlawed as potentially dangerous.)

In my memory, Pacific Association track officials were almost a family. As a young hanger-on I knew folks like **George Newlon**, **Art Smith**, **Tom Moore**, **Harry Young**, and the **Dotta** brothers (**Dan** and **Del**) and all before I had high school teammates. Through them I learned that the sport was more than the competition itself – great as that was and is—but also the commitment, technical expertise, and sense of community provided by officials. Officiating is the framework that makes great competition possible, and officials were and are the truest 'track nuts'. Dad genuinely enjoyed not only his fellow officials but also athletes, whether beginners trying to get their step down or Carl Lewis, and he wanted them all to succeed.

I also recall a Cow Palace meet where he red-flagged triple jumper **Darrell Horn** on what would have been an American indoor record, resulting in a chorus of boos from the crowd.

Of course it gave my mother, sisters and me great pride when the Pacific Association officials created the Dick Barbour Award. For me it goes further, for my early exposure to this side of the sport, and the fine people in it, gave impetus to my own involvement that remains active to this day. I ran in high school and college, twice qualified for the Olympic Trials in the marathon, remain active on the masters (and beyond) level in the New England Association, have coached teams and athletes at all levels, and am active with USATF-New England. While I miss the Bay Area greatly, I'll look forward to letting Mom know about your selection, she still lives in the Menlo Park house where she and Dad settled after WWII.

Thank you, Bruce, for your service to the sport and to the Pacific Association officials, and congratulations again for being named the Dick Barbour Award winner for 2009.

Sincerely, John Barbour

For the first time, the **Lori Maynard Special Recognition Award** was presented. Sonny Maynard presented this first award and, appropriately enough--for Lori was a race walk competitor and international race walk judge--to **Art** and **Becky Klein**, both race walk judges in their own right. Under Art and Becky's leadership the Race Walk Committee is alive, well and growing. They had 30 new race walk judges certified after their clinic at Wilcox High last winter.

In presenting the award, Sonny said... *When Leon (Glover) and Bruce (Colman) first approached me about the possibility of having an award in Lori's name my initial reaction was "probably not". Lori and I had discussed on occasion that we have a lot of awards and I know she would not have wanted an annual award in her name if it was a "made up" item because everyone had such great affection for her.*



Rory Osborne was presented with the **George Newlon Special Recognition Award - Track** by Dr. Glover.



Sonny Maynard presented Becky and Art Klein with the Lori Maynard Special Recognition Award.

A bit later Leon told me the committee suggested a “non specific” award to be given to a person who has done significant work in any aspect of T&F. It would not necessarily be yearly but on an as earned basis as determined by the committee and would not necessarily go to an official. I thought that might work and I knew Lori would be very honored but also quite surprised that the committee would feel she deserved this.

With that preface, I think it is appropriate that the first ‘not necessarily yearly’ award goes to someone in race walking since that is where Lori got her start as an athlete in T&F in the late ‘70s. It is a pretty esoteric event that tends to move below the radar. Consequently those who are dedicated to it and work hard generally go unrecognized.

Under the direction of these two, particularly in Youth, not only the number but the quality of race walkers has shown significant improvement. They have also been instrumental in upgrading the certification program for race walk judges. Moreover, the Kleins’ don’t just do the race walks and leave. They always stay and help officiate other events either on the track or in the field during the meet.

I bet these two wouldn’t want to even try and total up the time they have put in over many years in officiating, coaching, giving clinics, conducting events, and doing administrative work. I can guarantee you the number of hours would be huge.

It pleases me greatly to be able to present you guys with this “first edition”.

Two other categories of awards were presented. First, based on the number of national and master level officials in the association, each association is entitled to present certificates that come from the national officials committee. It is up to each association to decide who within their own group deserves such recognition. This year five National awards were presented to: **Sean Laughlin**, the Pacific Association’s chief geek and FinishLynx operator; **John Lilygren**, a vertical jump expert who, among others, has made his own extenders so he could run the pole vault at the Senior games; **Baird Lloyd**, a horizontal jump expert as well as an LDR official unto referee; **Leon Wimbley**, another geek who is an expert with the LaserLynx (a measuring device for long throws) as well as a handy person in any jump or throw when he can’t get his hands on a laser; and **Mark Youmans**, a master field event official or clerk and finish line coordinator if you happen to need one of those.

In addition to the national certificates, the Pacific Association Officials Committee recognizes some of its own with an Association Award to spotlight the accomplishments of some of our younger officials. This year eight of these were presented to: **David Ahn**, **Megan Cook**, **Gail Decatur**, **Steve Haas**, **Nadine Davis**, **Bruce Makinson**, **Ajay Padgaonkar** and **Ron Toth**. Their pictures are also on the next page.

The socializing part of the meeting got underway with lunch. Standing in the long line gave everyone plenty of time to socialize and to plan the arrangement of food on their plate(s). While there were lots of people (70 people signed in and the suspicion is that a number didn’t), there was even more food, even enough for seconds. With a head count over 70 this is one of our better attended meetings, we should aim to do better next year.

The main point of the business meeting was the change over in leadership. After four years, **Bruce Colman** has completed his term as our chair and **John Murray** was elected to fill that post. **Phil Watkins** was reelected as Vice-Chair and **Jay Abbott** was elected as secretary. Elected as our representatives to the Board of Athletics, in addition to **John Murray** as our chair, were **Dick Connors**, **Charles Murphy** and **Bob Thompson**. As there were some procedural errors in the election for the At-Large representatives to

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the Officials Executive Committee, a new ballot will be conducted with the votes counted on October 4th at a special Executive Committee meeting.

The symbolic transfer of leadership was embodied in the transfer of a CD burned with files that **Bruce** thought **John** would need. [And Hume missed the picture!] **John** announced that the following sub-committee chairs have agreed to continue to serve: **Jim Hume**, Certification, **Dr. Leon Glover**, Awards, and **Shirley Connors**, Training.

John Murray's acceptance speech emphasized the respect with which the officials of the Pacific Association are held and he urged everyone to, "Do one more thing..." that is, write an article (for T&D), take an additional clinic or work outside your usual discipline, or go to an additional meet, and urged everyone to get involved in youth and masters meets as well as the college and open meets they usually officiate.

With new leadership and stomachs full, it was time for the annual raffle. There seemed to be enough "stuff" on and under the tables to give everyone something more to take home.

National Certificate Award winners were:



John Lilygren



Baird Lloyd



Leon Wimbley



Mark Youmans



Sean Laughlin

Pacific Association Certificate Award winners were:



*David
Ahn*



*Megan
Cook*



*Gail
Decatur*



*Steve
Haas*



*Nadine
Davis*



*Bruce
Makinson*



*Ajay
Padgaonkar*



*Ron
Toth*

Heard at the Track

- **Eddie Seese**, an emeritus official who specialized in the pole vault, has donated two wind gauges in the name of Dr. Leon Glover, our resident wind gauge guru. We don't get to see much of Eddie these days as he has moved to Arizona, but Dr. Glover is looking forward to using these wind gauges in training clinics. He is looking for officials who would like to concentrate on the wind gauge.
- **2010 PAC 10 Combined Event and Track & Field Championships** will be hosted by U. C. Berkeley. The dates are: Combined Events. Saturday, May 8th and Sunday, May 9th. The PAC 10
- **2010 PAC 10 T&F Championship Meet** will be the next weekend on Saturday, May 15th and Sunday, May 16th. **Margaret Sheehan** is the officials coordinator for the meet and application to work the meet may be made by e-mailing her at mvsheehan@earthlink.net.
- **2010 USATF Team Championships** will probably be hosted at the College of San Mateo on Friday, July 9th and Saturday, July 10th. This is an opportunity for clubs from all over the U. S. to show their team strength.
- **2010 USATF Masters T&F Championships** will be hosted at Sacramento State from Thursday, July 22nd to Sunday, July 25th. As a rule, national meets like this will call for officials to attend a meeting the day before the competition begins. There will be multiple sites for the Masters meet. **Phil Leake** will be the officials coordinator. Applications are available on line at PAUSATF.org...under the **Show Me...**column click on **Officials** and then under **Announcements** click on **either Competition Officials Application Form** or **Support Officials Application Form** and **Applications are due by March 1, 2010**.
- **2010 USATF Junior Olympic T&F Championships** will be hosted at Sacramento State from Tuesday, July 27th to Sunday, August 1st. As a rule, national meets like this will call for officials to attend a meeting the day before the competition begins. **John Murray** and **Becky Klein** will be the officials coordinators for the Junior Olympics. Applications are available on line at PAUSATF.org...under the **Show Me...**column click on **Officials** and then under **Announcements** click on **either Competition Officials Application Form** or **Support Officials Application Form** and **Applications are due by March 1, 2010**.

- **A new curriculum tried at clinics:** This time it was not called Long Distance Running (LDR) but Cross Country Officiating. The change of titles worked as two very successful Cross Country clinics were held September 12th on the Crystal Springs Cross Country Course in Belmont. **Bob Rush** and **Jim Hume** were the instructors as twelve students were indoctrinated in the Rush method of running a cross country meet. On the 13th the University of California Davis was the host and **George Kleeman** did the teaching. Eleven anxious students showed up for the lesson. Hopefully some of these newly trained officials will use their newly learned skills in the LDR program as well as the Association's and other organization's Cross Country programs. An e-mail has been sent to all certified officials extolling the virtues of a third Cross Country Clinic to be hosted by **Bob Shor** in Reno on Saturday, October 31st.

- **Many coaching changes on the local scene:**

- ✓ **Chris Mack** the long time pole vault and combined events coach at Stanford recently resigned to take a similar position at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio. We will all miss Chris's hard work with the officials at Stanford and his dedication to marking the cross country course on the golf course. Good luck in your new endeavor.
- ✓ Replacing Chris at Stanford is veteran world class Olympian and former NCAA Pole Vault champion at Stanford, **Toby Stevenson**. Welcome back Toby!
- ✓ **Terry Crawford** long time director of Track and Field and Cross Country at Cal Poly SLO has left the school to take a position with USATF as Director of Coaching. Congratulations, Terry on making a big move up the ladder of success!!! As officials we will look forward to working with you on a new higher level.
- ✓ At the University of California, Berkeley, Assistant Distance Coach and 2008 Olympic marathon participant **Magdalena Lewy Boulet** is resuming full time training for the next Olympiad and will leave the paid coaching staff at Cal, but will continue as a volunteer coach with the team. Replacing Magdalena on staff as an assistant cross country coach will be **Ann Detmer** a veteran distance runner and a former assistant cross country coach from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. T&D wishes the two young ladies the best of luck in their new positions and we as officials will be looking forward to working with each of you in your new jobs. (For more information go to Calbears.com, Cross Country)



Ahhh! Do you remember when you were a newbie official?
Mike Bower and Howard Clemente do!

- **IAAF adopts "no false start" rule** USATF 8/12/09

Berlin – The IAAF Congress on Wednesday approved a new rule that will disqualify athletes the first time they false start in any given race. The rule will take effect January 1, 2010.

The rule will replace the current false-start policy of the first false-start being charged to the entire field, with only subsequent false starts resulting in disqualification. Implementation is set for 2010 in order to enable athletes to become accustomed to the rule well ahead of the 2011 IAAF World Outdoor Championships in Daegu, South Korea.

Speaking in support of the rule change, IAAF President Lamine Diack pointed to the NCAA's longstanding no false start rule as evidence that such a rule is practical and enforceable. He stated his belief that, "the current rule gives sprinters the chance to play the system."

The rule change was approved by a vote of 97 to 55, with six abstentions. The IAAF Congress on Wednesday also approved defining masters as age 40 and over for long distance running and road racing.

IAAF Congress is being held in Berlin prior to the start of the 12th World Outdoor Championships, which begins Saturday and conclude August 23.

USATF, Chief Executive Officer, Doug Logan has written a very interesting Blog on the World Championships in Berlin. The Blog may be found at USATF.org.

- The Pacific Association has a large collection of equipment available for use at meets. Contact **Equipment Committee Chair, Phil Watkins, 916-482-1473** or pgwatt@ix.netcom.com to arrange a rental. A full list of equipment and their rental prices is on-line at <http://pausatf.org/data/2009/equipment2009.html>.

Missing from the track

- Veteran Three Rivers Association starter and long time active official on the national scene **Clarence (Norm) Crawford** passed

away on 7/31/09 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

- **Mike Shimansky**...September 15th, 2009...Contra Costa Times by Sophia Kazmi, (with contributions by Robert Jordan, Jeanine Benca and Eric Louie).

Long time Danville Town Councilman Mike Shimansky died today in San Diego County.

Shimansky, 65, was being treated for bacterial meningitis, which he came down with in August while visiting family in San Diego County.

He was the longest serving member of the Danville council, with 20 years as a member. He was first elected in 1989 and then again in 1993, 1997, 2002 and 2006. He served as mayor in 1993, 2003 and 2007.

"It is a sad day," said Joe Calabrigo, Danville Town Manager. "It is a terrible loss for his family and it is a big loss to the town."

Calabrigo worked with Shimansky for 20 years and described him as someone who loved to be out talking with the people he represented.

"He was not an e-mail and cell phone kind of guy," Calabrigo said. "He enjoyed the face-to-face interaction. He was always approachable and ready to act on behalf of folks in the community if it was appropriate to do that."

Shimansky, who had been in a coma, had taken a turn for the worse, said councilwoman and friend Karen Stepper. His wife sent a message on Saturday saying he was losing the battle.

"We knew there wasn't going to be any relief," she said. "He's got peace now. It's peace for him and grief for the community."

Aside from his role as an elected official, Shimansky was involved in many community organizations. He was a longtime Red Cross volunteer and traveled with the organization to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. He served with the San Ramon Valley Historical Society, the Diablo/ Silverado Boy Scout Executive Committee, the All Wars Memorial board and the Loaves and Fishes Food Kitchen.

Calabrigo reminisced about a love of sports that he and Shimansky shared. When Shimansky wasn't busy with town or other community work he was often officiating either at soccer, lacrosse or track and field events, Calabrigo said.

"He will be missed not only as a politician, but also as a friend," said San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson. The two became close after both served as mayors for their respective cities.

Wilson said Shimansky embodied the spirit of working together and creating a friendly rivalry between the neighbors.

"Mike was a unique individual who cared about his family and cared about his community — it was quite obvious with his activities with the Red Cross, playing Santa Claus in front of Safeway and working for those he served," Wilson said.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sue Shimansky; his son Greg and daughters Lori and Cyndi, his daughter-in-law Shannon and son-in-law Mark, and grandchildren Morgan, Luke, Paige, Payton and Michael.

Memorial arrangements are pending, when arrangements are complete details will be posted on the town of Danville Web site at www.ci.danville.ca.us.

According to the Web site, condolences to the Shimansky family may be directed to the Danville town offices, 510 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA 94526, and they will be forwarded to his wife.

Staff writers Robert Jordan, Jeanine Benca and Eric Louie contributed to this story. Reach Sophia Kazmi at 925-847-2122.

[Hume notes:] Mike was first certified in 1999 and liked to play in the sand box as well as start races and work as an umpire. He is a reminder to me of the secret lives of our officials, for I for one did not know Mike was a councilman. I wonder what other officials have hidden skills.



Mike Shimansky

December's National Awards Garnered by Pacific Association Officials

John Murray's acceptance speech when he ascended to the leadership of the Officials Committee emphasized the respect with which the officials of the Pacific Association are held. Nowhere was this more evident than at last year's USATF convention in Reno. We had two officials inducted into the Officials Hall of Fame: **George Kleeman** and **Lori Maynard**.

This is what was said about **Lori Maynard**-Pacific Association, Officiated for 25 years-master level certification

Lori Maynard's officiating resume includes two Olympic Games (1996 Atlanta where she was on the Hammer Crew and Head of Disc and 2000 Sydney where she was an International Race Walk Judge) five Olympic Trials, 15 USATF Open

National Championships, Youth Athletics, International Competitions, NCAA Championships, College and Community College, High School, LDR, Cross Country, and Race Walking. Lori was highly respected as a throws official and Race Walk judge.

Lori began as a Race Walker and as such received the National Masters T&F Committee Race Walk Award as an athlete in 1979 and 1981. She medaled in the open 10 km RW in '79 and in the 20km in '80. She was inducted into the Masters National Athletes Hall of Fame in 2005. She was active as a RW official and with the Race Walk Committee both locally and nationally and was an International Race Walk Judge working a number of meets throughout the North American, Central America and Caribbean Region during the 90's and early 2000's. She conducted many clinics in all phases of Race Walking.

Lori served on the Women's National T&F Committee as representative for the Pacific Association and Women's T&F representative to the Officials Selection Committee, and was a member of the National Convention Site Selection Committee, she also served on the International Competition Committee. She was the Pacific Association's Race Walk Chair, a member of the Association's Certification Committee and National Race Walk Championships Coordinator and member of the Site Selection Committee. Lori was selected as team manager for six international competitions in both T&F and RW.

Her awards include **USATF Race Walk Committee Contributor Award, Pacific Association's Dick Barbour Meritorious Service Award, the USATF President's Award, and the National Officials Committee Chairperson's Award.** Lori is also a member of the **Pacific Association Hall of Fame.**



Sonny Maynard accepted Lori's posthumous Hall of Fame induction from Sue Polanski, Hall of Fame sub-committee chair.

This is what was said about **George Kleeman**-Pacific Association-Officiated over 34 years-Master level certification-International Technical Official

George Kleeman's contributions to the sport of track and field, cross country, race walking, sports for the disabled and long distance running are legion. Over the years he has been involved in almost every committee and major event held locally and nationally and many internationally.



Each member of the Officials Hall of Fame received this specially designed sphere. This one is Lori Maynard's. Only seeing this sphere in sunlight can do it justice.

George has officiated at two Olympics, Atlanta in 1996 as an IAAF referee and in Beijing in 2000 as an ITO International Technical Official). He participated in five Olympic Trials in positions ranging from Throws Coordinator, to Head Hammer official, Photo Evaluator, Technical Manager and Race Walk Director.

National Championships include 31 open championships (indoor, outdoor, cross country, race walk and LDR) 10 youth championships, six NCAA's, eight high school championships, three masters championships and more than 55 international championships.

Living in Texas in 1975, George became involved with the Gulf Association of the AAU as an athlete and soon became an association officer. His career as a chemical engineer and engineering manager for Shell Oil and Shell Chemical led him to relocate several times and each time he became heavily involved with the local association. Meet management, rules writing, association operations, clinic instructions, and officiating have been his life-time calling. George is always willing to travel to work a meet and will gladly fill any position needed. He has been a clinician in several associations other than his own, willingly offering assistance in training other officials.

On the association level George has served as Vice President, LDR and Race Walk Chair of the Gulf Association. In West Virginia he was Vice President, President and Chair of T&F, membership, LDR, and race walk. He served as President of the Pacific Association as its Treasurer, as its Training Chair and as a member of the executive board. George has served as Regional Representative, and a member of the Certification

Committee.

At the National Level, Kleeman is at present Vice Chair of Rules for the National Officials Committee and is past Vice Chair for Training. He is also chair of the Equipment & Facilities Specification Sub Committee. George served on the Associations Committee and was its treasurer, was Masters LDR representative to the USATF rules committee, served on the Masters LDR executive committee, LDR Division Committee as Officials and Rules Representative, Women's LDR Regional Vice President, Men's LDR Rules Committee Associate Editor. In addition, George has chaired the Technical Officials Task Force and sub-committee and was on the USATF Budget and Finance Committee and Registration Committee.

Honors bestowed on George include the prestigious **Giegengak Award**, the **Andy Bakjian Award** (the Officials Committee top award); the Officials Committee **Horace Crow Award** for field events, the **National Officials Committee Presidents Award** for outstanding service (twice), the **Association Committee Horace Crow Award**, **LDR's Scott Hamilton Award for Contributions**, Masters LDR **Otto Essig Award** and eight awards given by both Gulf and Pacific Associations.

George has written, edited, updated or been the technical consultant for all of the National Guide manuals. He has written most of the (rules reviews) officials currently use for all levels of certification. He designed the curriculum for the National Technical Officials Course and has been the Associate Editor of the USATF rule book and Editor of the Equipment & Facilities Specification Newsletter. The concept of the Officials Hall Of Fame began with George and he was instrumental in creating the process and criteria by which members are selected. George has an engineering degree from Gonzaga University and a Doctorate from the University of Minnesota



George Kleeman accepted his Hall of Fame induction from Sue Polanski, Hall of Fame sub-committee chair.

One Wonders What George Does In His Spare Time

Do you remember that the Officials Committee top award is the **Andy Bakjian Award**? Well, in 2008 the Pacific Association's **Bob Podkaminer** brought home that award.

Bob is a computer programmer and wrote the code for Clerk of the Course, one of the first programs designed to computerize the receipt of entries, the development of heats and flights and the computerization of results. He is the Secretary-Rules Editor for the NCAA T&F Committee and as such has helped in computerizing their national meets and in reorganizing their rule book. Bob is a respected starter, meet referee, the secretary of the USATF rules committee and an IAAF Area Technical Official.



Bob Podkaminer is shown with his 2008 Andy Bakjian Award

Impressions of China by George Kleeman

Several years ago, after George Kleeman had become among the first ITOs (International Technical Officials), Bob Podkaminer, at our annual meeting outlined George's travel plans for the next several years. Well, time goes by and George is still traveling. He was invited to be an ITO at the Beijing Olympics. Here are his thoughts on the experience.

I left San Francisco at 1 p.m. on Monday, August 12th and arrived in Beijing at 9:30 p.m., Tuesday evening. With an Olympic Pass I was whisked through customs and even had someone get my suitcases for me. [George's visa into China was his Olympic Credential] I was treated royally both coming and leaving Beijing with special handling of my suitcases. I then had a private car to a five star hotel, the Catic, which was just about 100 yards from the Birds Nest or National Stadium where the track and field took place.

Security was tight. I had to go through it at the airport, going to hotel and then each day into stadium and back to the hotel. Although we were close to an entrance to the stadium, on exit we had to walk about a half

mile.

Work started on Wednesday morning in the Olympic Village with a 10 a.m. technical meeting followed by a walk through the stadium and a practice session with the Chinese officials. Thursday we had the morning off and it began to rain just in time for the afternoon practice session. Then we returned home to change and get ready for a 7 p.m. IAAF banquet. Friday



Yes, George can prove he made it to the Great Wall.

started our two a day sessions.

Initially we were to be there at 7 a.m. or two hours before the first event and stay until about 1 p.m. and then back at 5 till about midnight most nights. After the first few days we shortened it to just an hour before the start of each session. I worked all but two sessions. I did a little of everything but the high jump and triple jump. The Chinese officials were generally very good with many of them working the previous World Junior meet in 2006. We did find the referees and head judges tended to rely too much on us for calls and interpretations. I often had to say "It is your call." I was involved in only one appeal and one protest. The appeal involved the disqualification of the Italian team in the 4x100 on the second turn and the protest on a foot foul in the men's discus finals. Overall there were about 12 appeals of calls. Most were rejected.

I did see a few friends in the stands but since most of the Track & Field group were seated in the top tier not many made it down to track side.

Overall the Olympics were well run but as we got used to saying, "One World, One Dream, One Direction". They were not always as flexible as you might like. You did it their way, although they did listen to suggestions at least on the track.

I did get an opportunity on our two half days off to see the Heavenly Place, the Forbidden City, the Great Wall and the Ming Dynasty Tombs. I got some fantastic gifts: binoculars from the IAAF, a stitched painting of the Great Wall from Chinese Athletics and a 1/3200 model of the Bird's Nest- National Stadium with a removable top so you can see

the whole field. It is quite heavy being made of metal. Luckily I have extra weight on the way home in business class.

*Following the games I toured with **Dick and Shirley Connors** from Shanghai back to Beijing for an additional 12 days. We travelled up the Yangtze which is the third longest river in the world. Because of the Three Gorges Dam we saw much new construction and new towns. The freeway system is quite extensive and growing but crowded. Rush hour goes on most of the day in Beijing with almost 3 million cars for its 13 million inhabitants. The drivers are unique to say the least but the bicyclists and moped drivers are crazy. They wind in and out of traffic both going with it or against it or crossing it. Paris cabs have nothing on Shanghai taxis.*

The most impressive scenery was above the Three Gorges Dam where the river has risen about 100 meters, flooding many old towns. It goes on for miles.

Overall I was quite impressed with China. It has spent billions on improved infrastructure to support its 1.4 billion people. Ten years ago there were only 10 bridges across the whole 3000 plus miles of the Yangtze River and now there are over 110 with many more under construction.



*My most memorable moment was seeing our **Stephanie Brown-Trafton** receive the first US track gold medal.*



This is a photo of the IAAF group, ITOs (Blue coats), Technical Delegates (Red and Tan coats) and liaison people. George is fourth from the right.

Other Pacific Association Awards

George, Lori and Pod were not the only Pacific Association members who were honored at the 2008 USATF convention in Reno. The Pacific Association's **Stephanie Trafton-Brown** won the Olympic Gold Medal and the 2008 *Jesse Owen Award*. Indeed, they pretty much had an entire banquet in her honor. **Dr. Harmon Brown** posthumously received the *Heliodoro and Patricia Rico Lifetime Achievement Award*. **Irene Herman**, now President of our Board of Athletics, received one of the 2008 Official Chair's Awards. It was all about her work to get officials insurance coverage for non USATF events. **Bob Rush** received one of Bill Roe's Presidents Awards, and **Charlie Sheppard** was nominated for the *John Davies Humanitarian Award*. Charlie is very involved in Youth Athletics and in athletics for the disabled. Charlie was recognized internationally for service to the handicapped. As was reported in the Winter 2008 *Turns & Distances*, "Charlie made a trip to Taiwan, to receive recognition for writing a computer software program for handicapped athletes in track and field..."



All right, 2008 Olympic gold medalist and Jesse Owens Award winner **Stephanie Trafton-Brown** does not look like this when she throws the discus.

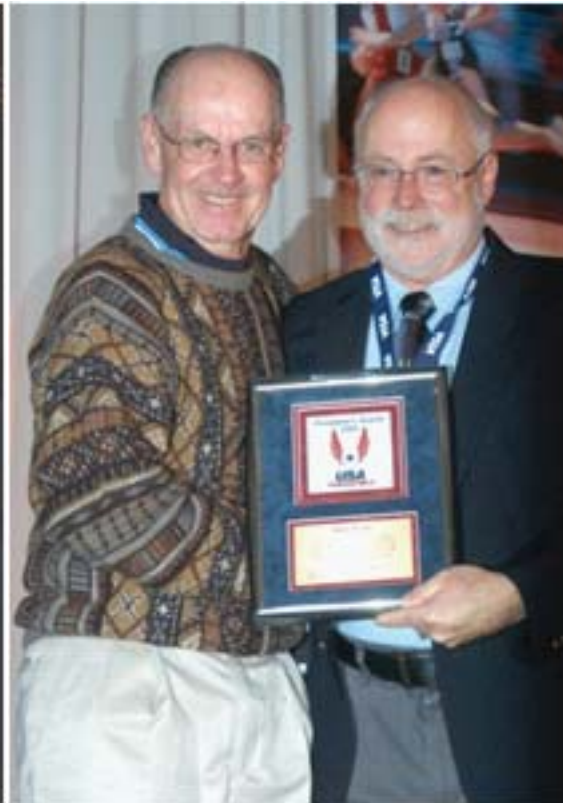
Stephanie and George Kleeman reenact their meeting in Beijing after Stephanie won the Olympic discus gold medal. George was the ITO.



Lovie Brown, Dr. Brown's wife, Pat Rico and Martha Brown, Doc's daughter, were all present for the ceremonies. Pat did the presentation with Lovie and Martha doing the receiving of Doc's 2008 Heliodoro and Patricia Rico Lifetime Achievement Award.



Charlie Sheppard and his John Davies Humanitarian Award certificate.



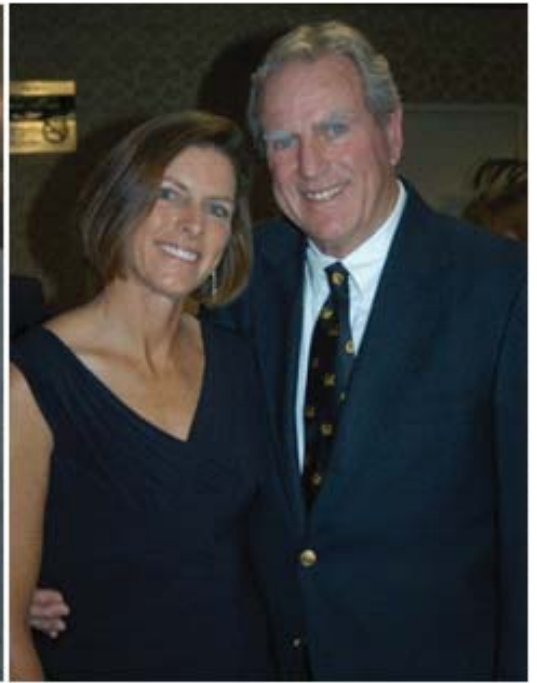
Bob Rush and Bill Roe were all smiles as Bob received his USATF President's Award.



Irene Herman was all smiles as she showed off her multi color Official Chair's Award.



*Community College coaches hosted a reception before the Jesse Owens Award Banquet. **Sonny Maynard, Pat Randall, Joy Upshaw-Margrum** new Pacific Association officials chair **John Murray** seemed to enjoy the company.*



***Joy Upshaw-Margrum**, one of the Pacific Association's best Master Athletes, enjoyed a moment with her father **Monte**.*



While serving as an ITO (International Technical Official) in Beijing, George had to suffer with this view out his hotel room window.



Do you remember seeing the closing ceremonies on TV? George saw them in person.